

REMARKS

Preliminary Amendment

Applicants' undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on January 29, 2002, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicants' undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-62 are currently pending in the application and subject to a Restriction Requirement.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1 through 46, without traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests a prompt action on the merits of claims 1 through 46 after entry of the above-referenced Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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